

Near Hong Kong  
March 24, 1954.

Dearest Mother,

My, but we have done  
a lot of sailing since we  
left Sichon the 8<sup>th</sup> of  
March! Seven out of  
seventeen days in port. Those  
seven in Fasebo Japan. That  
is a port City located in  
the ~~southeast~~ southwestern part  
of Kyushu which is the  
southern "island" of Japan.

The trip has been smooth  
and quiet since we left  
Fasebo and we are all  
eagerly looking forward  
to shore leave in Hong



Long tomorrow. As usual,  
entering a new port, we're  
all undecided as to what  
to do first, - will we have  
time to do all the shopping  
we want to do - will we  
have the money? - will we  
get the sightseeing done  
before dark - what is a  
floating restaurant - is  
Hong Kong really full of  
intriguing situations and  
mysterious people? - how  
do you know a good bargain?  
- and just between us girls  
"WHAT will I wear?" None  
of us are sure of the weather  
- it's warm, rainy, slightly



Cold - Streets rough like  
those in Japan - dirt like  
those in Korea - as nice  
smooth, white like those  
in America so we can  
wear high heels if we want  
to? - "I'll tell you  
Ma - travelin' round  
like this presents problems."

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Hi - Hong Kong has come and  
gone. - Such a brief, whirl-  
wind four days! This is a  
fascinating, lovely City that  
sprawls over the sides of a  
mountain on one side and  
in the valley of the other side  
- separated from Communist  
China by a high wall of



mountains. - We did so many things, saw so many strange - to us - things - and I had a hilarious time.

I didn't buy cashmere for you, Mother, and since receiving your letter, I'm glad that I didn't. I did buy a cashmere coat for myself (\$28<sup>00</sup>) but I am disappointed with it! - I also had a coat made for Raymond (\$18<sup>00</sup>) - his birthday present from you and me. Fortunately - it looks very nice. I had one of the boys try it on, and I'm praying it will fit ok. Some of the girls had coats, suits, dresses, etc made, but



Mother - there is just no "bargain"  
to them - they're just - plain  
looking. I got blouses and  
- darling little slippers for  
the two Betters - and some  
"odds and ends" for you,  
which you can do with as  
you please - I got Johnnie  
a fishing rod while we were  
in Sasebo. - So you know  
Mother - there just wasn't a  
thing in Hong Kong for  
children other than cheap  
American toys! On going to  
pick something up in Sasebo  
for them.

When I get home,  
I must tell you the  
story of the trip - it will  
be much more fun telling



you than writing you.  
I didn't get your  
letter <sup>mar 16</sup> until today (the 29th)  
— we haven't had a mail  
call in over a week so  
that the mail was a wonder-  
ful farewell gesture to Hong  
Kong— brought us all back  
to reality. — Mom. I would  
give anything to have been  
home with you these past  
3-4 months — even a trip  
to Hong Kong. — But I will  
soon be home and I don't  
want you to plan to do a  
thing — especially not worry  
about money. I am so  
very glad that you sold  
that darned laundry!  
to Honolulu to San Francisco.



I'm sure the boys feel the  
same way. Unless you  
really need it, I won't be  
sending you any money  
since I will need to have  
some on hand to get me  
back to the States. - Of course  
whatever money I put out  
will be reimbursed eventually,  
as long as it's travel.

I'm still expecting  
orders around the first of  
May or so but I doubt  
seriously if I will be home  
before July 1<sup>st</sup> - at least I'll  
be there ~~by~~ then - it's a  
long way from Incheon to  
Oklahoma. I will go from  
Incheon to Tokyo to Yokohama  
to Honolulu to San Francisco.



From there - to Okla City.  
I'm planning on flying all  
the way unless I decide to  
take a train from San Fran.  
depends on how much time  
and money I have left.

Mom - I toured Long Bay  
Island in an MB convertible  
with an Inspector from the  
British Police yesterday! It's  
a dream! And we had such  
fun. - he's good looking - dances  
well - etc. - Very nice, but  
I'll still take Americans  
Americans. I'll have to  
tell you all about it. - Oh -  
danced the mambo with a  
Chinese equivalent of Arthur  
Murray too! - He spoke very  
little English. but his favorite.



all time compliment was  
"You've really got it, Ted"  
Tony the Englishman thought  
"that was terrific" - I thought  
it screamingly funny! - We  
did have fun - And I  
spent my birthday at the  
Foreign Correspondents Club!  
Margaret de la Cruz and I stayed  
there Thursday night and  
Friday morning, at 9pm -  
I was awakened by a tapping  
on the door - a tray - huge  
thing - was brought in  
by the Chinese boy and we  
were served breakfast in  
bed! Complete with flowers  
and a card - "Happy Birthday  
Susan" - the management. And  
they wouldn't let us pay for



Our room either. - Then  
after we were dressed, we  
sat outside on the terrace  
and had coffee while we  
stared at the panorama of  
Hong Kong below us. The Club  
is high on the hill and  
overlooks the entire city. It  
was pleasantly warm - and  
the flowers were gorgeous.

Such an array of color  
and kinds. - The handkerchief  
is a Hong Kong specialty - and  
cost (of American money)

Mother dear, the old ship  
is really pitching - it has  
rained all day and it is  
quite rough out this evening.

We left Hong Kong at 4 PM  
it's now 9 PM - we're going  
to Sasebo for an overnight



Stop, then on to Incheon.  
There due there the 31st.

Please take care of your  
self - and don't worry  
about a thing.

Bye for now - we

Lots of love,

Your daughter

P.S. - I wish you hadn't  
sent me anything - you  
should have known I would  
understand. I'll probably  
get it when we get to Incheon,  
but I will thank you in  
advance!

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